

# A Christian Anarchist Response to a Jury Summons

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Being excused from jury service

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# Jury Summons

**YOUR JUROR'S NUMBER:****440751529**

- You have been selected for jury service.
- Your name was randomly selected from the electoral register.

You must attend for jury service at:

The Crown Court at DORCHESTER  
COUNTY HALL  
COLLITON PARK  
DORCHESTER  
DORSET  
DT1 1XJ

on **MONDAY 13 APRIL, 2015**  
**09:30AM**

at:

During your jury service you may be required to go to another court nearby.

**WHAT THE JURY SUMMONS MEANS**

Jury service is an important public duty. You will be asked to consider the outcome of a criminal trial in the Crown Court. You will be among many people chosen each year for jury service and you will have an opportunity to influence decisions affecting your local community.

- Pages 1 and 2 of this form are your **Jury Summons**. This tells you where and when to start your jury service.
- Pages 3 and 4 are the form **Reply to the Jury Summons**. The information you provide will assist the Jury Central Summoning Bureau when processing your form.

**WHAT TO DO NOW**

- It is important to read the enclosed leaflet '**Guide to Jury Summons**'.
- You **must complete, detach and return pages 3 and 4** to the Jury Central Summoning Bureau by referring to the section '**How to Reply to your summons for Jury Service**' on page 2.

**WARNING**You **may be committing a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £1,000** if:

- You do not attend for jury service without a good reason
- You are not available to be a juror when your name is called
- When your name is called, you are not fit to serve because of drink or drugs.



**This form and other juror literature is available in large print and Braille formats on request from the Jury Central Summoning Bureau (details on page 2).**

***Address Line 1,***  
***Address Line 2,***  
***Address Line 3,***  
***Address Line 4***

20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Jury Central Summoning Bureau,  
Pocock Street,  
London SE1 0BJ

**Re: Summons for Jury Service at The Crown Court, Dorchester on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

**Summons Received: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

**Juror's Number: 440751529**

Dear sir/madam,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the above. I've applied to be excused from jury service as I doubt I will be much use in court. My conscience will only ever allow me to pass a "not guilty" verdict in a trial, however "guilty" a defendant may appear to be.

For me love and forgiveness are the cornerstones of being Christian. Jesus tells us the greatest commandments are to love God and others (Mark 12:28-31). I cannot do this by passing a guilty verdict which would help condemn a defendant to some form of punishment. Vengeance and punishment are contrary to kindness and forgiveness.

The Gospels are very clear on this. Jesus says we should love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. He urges us to not judge or condemn but to forgive our fellow man (Luke 6:27-37). He warns us when we don't forgive others God won't forgive us (Matthew 6:14-15) and when we judge others we too can expect to be judged (Matthew 7:1-6). I'm also very aware that I'm not without sin, so don't feel in a position to punish others for theirs (John 8:3-11).

My conscience will not allow me to engage in warfare, lawsuits, voting or holding political office. I'm a Christian pacifist and anarchist. For more on my beliefs and practices please feel free to browse the "About Me" section in my blog and click on the links.

<http://reachheavenonearth.blogspot.co.uk/>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Your humble servant,

Adam Clark



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Date 03 MARCH 2015

Your juror number 440751529

Dear MR CLARK

**EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE**

**The Crown Court at DORCHESTER**

Thank you for replying to your jury summons.

This letter is to confirm that you have been excused from jury service on this occasion.

Accordingly, you need not attend Court or take any further action.

Yours sincerely

**The Jury Summoning Officer**

